PRESIDENT KNEW IT

Believed in the Loyalty of Mr. Hitchcock.

TALKED ABOUT MR. CORTELYOU

Statement Issued by First Assistant Oyster Bay, and Representative Calder, Roosevelt Told Him He Knew Story of Southern Trip in Interest of Secretary to Be False.

The attempt to discredit Mr. Cortelyou with President Roosevelt has fallen flat. Mr. Cortelyou's statement of last night was sufficiently explicit in its denial of allegations that Mr. Cortelyou, through First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock, had attempted to obtain Southern support for Mr. Cortelyou's reported candidacy for the Republican nomination, but to-day additional evidence was furnished that President Roosevelt put no stock in the stories of disloyalty on the part of the Secretary of the Treas-

Mr. Hitchcock made a statement in which he declared that President Roosevelt had told him that he knew that the charge of disloyalty made against Mr. Hitchcock was absolutely false.

Mr. Hitchcock's Statement.

Here is Mr. Hitchcock's statement: "I have read Secretary Cortelyou's statement, as published in the morning papers. I am sure that the public will accept it as the truthful declaration of a thoroughly sincere man. It disposes of the charge that I have been in any manner disloyal to President Roosevelt. That charge is absolutely false; in fact, the President has told me he knows it to be false. I do not care to discuss the matter further. I should not say even this were it not for the appreh ision that some people who are unfamiliar with the facts may be mislead by the statements cir-

recent directions to Federal officeholders, his renunciatory third term statement, conspiracy, have combined to produce an unsettled state of mind among Republican leaders in the South who draw Federal salaries. Many of these Republicans would like to continue to serve their on the bandwagon, and not to get on the wrong vehicle by mistake.

Until a week ago it was the Roosevelt bandwagon, but now that the President has definitely declared his intention not to succeed himself, and since some of Gov. Hughes Maintains His Attitude the Taft boomers and others have exploited the story of a Cortelyou plot, much confusion and uncertainty has arisen. The Southern officeholders are divided among themselves, but there is an inclination among many of them to find out what the President wants. Alap. D. Barker, a leading Republican of the State, and postmaster of Mobile, had an interview with President Roosevelt

Delegate to Seven Conventions.

delegate to no less than seven Republican that he may die any day or he may live the v national conventions. He is not looking for the bandwagon, and he is not so much concerned as to any other person's choice for the next President of the United States as he is to correct some of the stories that other Republicans of the State have been telling about him. effort has been made to show that the Mobile postmaster is not in line with Mr. Roosevelt in regard to the Presidential

What Mr. Barker said to the President, Mr. Barker would not repeat, merely saying that his visit to the White House was on a personal matter. He talked with some freedom, however, about political

Alabama or elsewhere in the South.
"You do not believe the stories of a 'Cortelyou conspiracy' then?" he was

his friends. I am not a Cortelyou man. I deficiency of the coming year. admire the Secretary, as we all admire a self-made man who has won his way to parties have agreed upon the programme, theless, I think there has been an at- for a vigorous fight against it in the Diet. tempt to discredit him and his friends by seeking to show that he has been carrying on a campaign in opposition to the candidacy of Secretary Taft and the wishes of the President."

Alabama Was for Roosevelt, "What candidate will have the support of the Alabama delegates to the national

convention?" Mr. Barker was asked. "I do not know," he replied. "Alabama was for President Roosevelt. I cannot say that the Republicans of the State thought that Mr. Roosevelt was really a candidate, but there was feeling that conditions might arise that would compel him to accept another nomination. The call of the people might be so strong that he could not resist it. His statement last week, however, settled that. We take him at his word. Since he made that declaration, there has, of course, forces opposed to President Roosevelt, and it is impossible to say to what extent the Southern delegates elected to the national convention will favor a candidate who may be preferred by Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Cortelyou's statement of last night has set the politicians guessing, and they will be thrown into a state of yet greater uncertainty when they read the declarations of Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Barker, presented above, and come to understand that President Roosevelt will not sanction the charge of disloyalty on the part Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Hitchcock.

to find out what he intends to do. There was enough in Mr. Cortelyou's statement to indicate to some people that he would, in the near future, let it be known whether he was or was not to be regarded as an aspirant for the nomina

Nobody is in a position to make any

authoritative announcement of Mr. Cor-

The most significant development of political doings in the Republican camp is the negation by President Roosevelt that the strength of Gov. Hughes as a factor in the Presidential situation has so formidable that it cannot be checked. Less than a fortnight ago the opponents of Gov. Hughes in the Federal administration were made happy over the belief that the leaders in the party were opposed to his candidacy on the ground that his attitude as a party man was too uncertain to justify his se lection. Members of the Republican National Committee from States where the Hughes sentiment was supposed to be very strong were not enthusiastic over

House, but the rise of Hughes' star in his own State has made the President and his political advisers realize that New York's executive is no mere dark horse.

Attitude Toward Hughes.

the Empire State's favorite son, and as much was admitted to-day when Representative Bennet, a member of the New York County Republican committee, alled on President Roosevelt at the White House. With Mr. Bennet when he saw the President were Representative Cox, of Westbury, whose district includes Postmaster General Says that Mr. of Brooklyn, an active party worker. Mr. Bennet learned directly that if the New York County Republican committee indorses President Roosevelt's policies at the committee's meeting to-morrow night,

there would be no objection on the part of Mr. Roosevelt to an indorsement of Gov. Hughes for the Presidential nomi-Whether the conditions made by the

mittee is not known here. will pass," was Mr. Bennet's noncommittal statement. Representative Cox said that as matters stood now in his district he supposed the district would favor Gov. Hughes, but he had not been paying any attention to the subject. said also that he regarded Mr. Cortelyou's statement as putting him out of dent Roosevelt in the White House and the race. Representative Calder said he returned to New York city to-day with a had no idea what the Kings County Republican committee would do in regard that it would fall in line with New York County in indorsing the governor for the Presidential nomination.

TAFT POSTALS FLOOD MAILS.

Columbus Bureau Sends Out Figures Aiding Candidacy.

in Columbus is out with another flood of o adopt any other course, it was point-postal cards, containing figures to show ed out by authorities in local politics, that Mr. Taft is the leading candidate would be to advertise to the Cannon for the Republican nomination.

These cards were received by many black type across the top of each is the publican county politicians did not know legend, "The great West is for Taft," and under this, "Mountain and Pacific Coast State Republicans are almost a unit in support of Ohio's Presidential There are signs that the President's to which is appended these observations:

and the mischievous story of a Cortelyou times as many votes as all the candidates over the favorable attitude of New York Some of Mr. Taft's friends think that

if his ideas as to the proprieties of Presidential politics have not undergone country under a future administration, States, there will be a decided loss of and there is a widespread desire to get revenue to the Columbus post-office in soon after Mr. Taft lands on American will work with that end in view.

NO HUMMEL PARDON.

of Neutrality.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- Gov. Hughes will not interfere with Abe Hummel serving his full sentence if facts in his case remain the same. As Hummel was sentenced for a year, with the usual commubama, where a particularly interesting tation for good behavior, he would be

The governor has received many re-Delegate to Seven Conventions.

Mr. Barker is serving his fourteenth him. While it is true that Hummel is in year as postmaster and he has been a very poor health, his condition is such york delegation in Congress called on

With this view of the case, the governor has decided not to interfere, although he will keep a close watch of the case, and if a pardon is necessary to prevent Hummel dying in prison he will probably grant it.

JAPAN WILL SAVE MONEY.

Policy of Reduction in Expenses of Army and Navy.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.-The financial programme has been formally settled at the will save \$200,000,000.

tain government undertakings. The cur-"I think there was conspiracy, but the tailments, in connection with the increases the work of his New York City commisconspiracy was not of Mr. Cortelyou's in the taxes on sugar, sake, oil, and sion, and that he is seeking aid to solve friends, but against Mr. Cortelyou and tobacco, are calculated to wipe out the transit problem elsewhere, was evi-

It is understood that the leaders of all high place, but I am not advocating his but members of the Opposition, supported tan Railway Company. nomination for the Presidency. Never- by some of the newspapers, are preparing

SONS OF PATRIOTS GATHER.

Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, Speaks at the Arlington.

More than 200 members of the Sons-of the American Revolution assembled in the west dining half of the Arlington Hotel last night for the second meeting of the season of that association. William L. Marsh, president of the associa- ditures they have undertaken. tion, presided.

After reports of several standing committees, President Marsh called upon Representative James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, chief speaker of the evening. Mr. Lloyd used as his subject "Patriotism. He spoke of the many great sacrifices made by the forefathers to gain the liberty now enjoyed by all Americans. He said this generation should also at his bedside. been more or less crystallization of the make certain sacrifices that their sons and grandsons might enjoy even a greater

> "It is time you decide what methods are the best to be pursued in the future, to make this country more sound in its cause of liberty."

Gen. John C. Breckenridge told of his pleasure at again being in Washington, after an absence of two years. Odell Whipple, chairman of the musical committee, presented a splendid musical Those who took part were:

A. Boyd, barytone; William T. Pierson, ecompanist. The following new members were elected: Theodore C. Fenton, U. S. N.;

telyou's purpose in regard to the Presidential nomination, and, as he is a de- R. W. Thompson, George W. Allison, cided factor in the complicated situation Jackson Smith, John Henry Small, jr. confronting the Republican party, the John Bryant Torbert, Israel Cyrus Stock friends of those candidates who are ton, Albert G. Stockton, William Scott clearly in the race are extremely anxious Parks, and Benjamin C. Sommervell.

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County Committee, After Recent Communication with the White House, Is Prepared to Act-Tim

New York, Dec. 18.-There was another vidence to-day of "Christmas treg" politics in the New York Republican President will cause a row in the comcounty committee. Senator Page and "I shall vote for the resolution that Senator Saxe, two influential Republican spokesmen for Gov. Hughes, have paved the way for the governor's indorsement for President at the meeting of the com-

mittee to-morrow night. Representative William S. Bennet, of the Seventeenth district, visited Presiresolution to the effect that if Gov. Hughes is to be indorsed to-morrow night, as the choice of the committee for President, President Roosevelt's national administration must also be indersed.

Will Indorse President. It was proclaimed, by those who ought

to know, that if the committee at to-morrow night's meeting takes any stand in the matter of national and State politics, Taft political and literary bureau it will indorse both Roosevelt and Hughes. folk, the Taft folk, the supporters of Fairbanks, the friends of Foraker, and people in Washington yesterday. In big, those of Knox, that the New York Rewhere they stood.

Confer with Roosevelt.

A crowd of New York Republican policandidate." Then follows a summary of ticians were here last night, and, while 460 answers received in a newspaper poll, they denied concerted arrangements, and some insisted that private business "Taft is the first choice of every one brought them, it is evident that the con-of these States. Taft received three cern of the Roosevelt administration combined. Taft! Taft! Analyze Republicans toward Gov. Hughes has something to do with the presence of most of them in Washington at this time.

President Roosevelt is extremely anxchange since he departed from the United ious to have any indorsement of Gov. Hughes for the Presidential nomination upled with an indorsement of the Roose the sale of 1-cent stamps and postal cards velt policies, and he and his lieutenants

The visitors are Timothy L. Woodruff, of Brooklyn; V. V. Fanchot, former State superintendent of public Greene, postmaster at Buffalo: Speaker James W. Wadsworth, jr.; Col. Michael Dade, of Brooklyn; Job Hedges, of New York, and John Merritt, collector of customs at Niagara Falls.

To Dine at White House,

Mr. Woodruff is to dine with the President to-night. He admitted that they were going to talk politics. Mr. Woodruff spoke about the Hughes boom in a way more freely than he has spoken here-

He said that the Hughes boom was able self up to rest for about two months. to take care of itself. Representative quests to pardon Hummel, and the gov- Calder, of Brooklyn, who is a Hughes ng New Yorkers.

DINNER AT ALBANY.

Gov. Hughes Takes Occasion to Reprimand His Commissioners.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.-The leading feature of the visit of the members of the New York City public service commission to Albany to-day was the prominence of William M. Ivins, one of the special counsel of the commission.

It was Mr. Ivins who escorted the com meeting of the council of the elder states- the executive chamber to-day, and it was conditions in the South, particularly Alabama. He said that he knew nothing of a movement on behalf of Secretary expenses of the army and navy for the sion to-night to the members of the movement two public service commissions, of which Cortelyou among Federal officeholders in next six years whereby the government two public service commissions, of which Gov. Hughes had hoped much, and with It also means the postponement of cer- which he is said to be dissatisfied.

That Gov. Hughes is disappointed in denced to-day, when he had a long con-ference with Theodore P. Shonts, the president of the Interborough-Metropoli-

The dinner began at 8 o'clock, and it was after 11 before the governor's guests departed. It was over the cigars and coffee that Gov. Hughes gave his com-missioners his much-heralded heart-tohis appointees how they shall perform their work, he made it plain to the commissioners, especially to the members of the New York City commission, that the result of their labors as yet had not justifled the passage of the public service mission law or the prodigious expen-

Gus Ringling Dead.

New Orleans, Dec. 18 .- Gus Ringling, head of the greatest circus combination in the world, owning or controlling Barnum & Bailey, Forepaugh, Sells, and the Ringling Brothers' circuses, died to-day in New Orleans of acute Bright's disease. His wife, children, and two brothers were

NEWS CUT SHORT.

Jennie E. Powell, of 835 Fourth street northeast, who was found suffering from smallpo Tuesday, has been removed to the contagion camp. J. F. Andrews, thirty-five years of age, of 307 Massachusetts avenue northeast, fell in Sor Carolina avenue yesterday and sustained a fracture the skull. He was removed to the Pro

Edward Mathews was held in \$1,000 bond programme. Those who took part were: for the action of the grand jury yesterday by Judge Charleton Howarth, lyric tenor; William Kimball on charge of breaking into the store of An-A. Boyd, barytone; William T. Pierson, drew J. Sanford, 1212 Union street southwest, Tues-Charged with the larceny of a diamend

valued at \$90 from Emma Johnson, colored, of 2023 Eleventh screet northwest, Sherman and Elizabeth Hill, colored, were arrested last night by the police of the Eighth precinct. With the arrest of Walter Ellis, alias

"Colorado," and Flemming D. Hoyle, both colored, the police believe they have succeeded in apprehend-ing the men who have been operating "film-flam" schemes about this city for the pass two months. Alfred Dawson, colored, who claims to come from Fredericksburg, Va., was arraigned be-fore Judge Kimball, in Police Court, yesterday on charge of highway robbery and assault on Glouster Burroughs, colored, and was held in \$2,000 bond for the action of the grand jury,

While coupling cars in the freight yards of the Baltimore and Ohio Railread Company, at Eckington, D. C., last night, Arthur McDonald, forty-four years of age, a vardman, was caught between freight cars and his right arm crushed. It was amputated at the Casualty Hospital.

Charged with having stolen an assorted Charged with having storen an assorted lot of articles on thirteen different occasions, Wolf Bush, Herman Rostine, George Gynar, Wilbert Kellogg, and Robert Lindsey, all under sixteen years of age, were yesterday placed on two years' probation by Judge De Lacy, in Juvenile Court.

Members of the Washington chapter of Merribers of the Washington chapter the increan Institute of Banking will entert their criends to-night at the chapter rooms on occasion of ladies night. Afterward there will dancing and refreshments. E. Percival Wilson chairman of the entertainment committee.

KELVIN'S DEATH FELT HERE.

Statement.

mithsonian Institution Issues a

At the Smithsonian Institution yester day it was said that the death of Lord Kelvin removed one of the greatest contemporary figures of science. He had been in correspondence with officers on scientific matters for years, and a number of papers by him have been published INDORSE ROOSEVELT POLICY in the Smithsonian reports to Congress.

Lord Kelvin was particularly interested n the work of the Astrophysical Observatory of the Institution, in measuring in a letter to the late Secretary Langley,

Woodruff Will Be the President's "The results already obtained by your own investigations on the solar spectrum are recognized throughout the scientific Dinner Guest-Will Talk Polities. world as being of supreme importance, and any nation of Europe may well envy the United States of America the credit of having given to the world such admirable additions to 'natural knowledge. We all now have astrophysical observatories in which much good work has been new development of astronomy. But in said: the special and very important province of measuring the heating power of the sun through the enormous range of wave-lengths, included in your observations, your work is unique.

ASK MORE MONEY FOR CANAL

Col. Goethals and Former Senator past.' Blackburn Here.

Officials to Confer with President, Secretary Taft, and Members of Congress.

Lieut. Col. George W. Goethals, chairnan of the Isthmian Canal Commission. and chief engineer of the Canal Zone, accompanied by former Senator Blackburn, head of the Department of Civil Administration of the Zone, is in Washington to discuss important canal ques-War Taft, and members of Congress.

Goethals has to take up pertain to the States was sighted. proposed widening of the canal locks, and guarantee free-hand work on the isthmus will have sighted the first land since during the year beginning next July.

day, Senator Blackburn said: "I have been there eight months, and I have never felt better in my life than sels on their way to the Southern West now. It's the only place to live. Of India Islands or the Horn. Merchantany one with nerves. Such persons ought much wider Virginia Passage, between to leave for a month or two every year. But I haven't any nerves, consequently

As to progress on the canal work, Col. Goethals said: "We are surely making the dirt fly,

About 30,000 men are employed on the Port of Spain, Trinidad. canal, and more would have jobs if the

to spend some time in conference with the Congressional committees having ernmost of the Windwards, will be discharge of legislation for the canal, but cerned off the port bow. as soon as that is over he will give him-

CHURCHES TO CO-OPERATE.

Plan to Bring Clergymen in Touch with Philanthropic Work

At a special meeting on Tuesday after- San Francisco on its return to New York at the residence of Mrs. William will be as follows: Belden Noble, 1761 N street, formal organization of the new committee on He church co-operation was completed.

There were present Rev. Reland Cotton Smith, chairman; Rev. Samuel H. Port Said to Gibralt Woodrow, Rev. John Van Schaick, Rev. Donald C. MacLeod, Rabbi Abram Simon Rabbi Louis Stern, Rev. William C. Alexander, Rev. Charles E. Guthrie, Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, Rev. Frederick B. missioners into Gov. Hughes' presence at Howden, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, Rev. George A. Miller, Rev. Frank Sewall, Rev. John Weidley, and Charles F. Weller, secretary.

To interest the churches in enlisting relunteer workers as friendly visitors. and to bring clergymen and members into touch with the philanthropic work of Washington and to make use of the Asso-

DESERTED WOMAN ENDS LIFE.

Had Sacrificed Husband and Hom for Man She Loved.

Steubenville, Ohio, weary and broken- precautions in this regard." hearted in failing to find, after days of futile search; the man for whom she heart talk on the progress of their work. While the governor seldom dictates to dring in the street hear with dying in the street here with a bullet wound in her breast, and a revolver in

her hand. For days she searched the towns of Gary and Hammond. Yesterday she found the first definite trace of the man, only to learn that her lover had left town. A few hours later the woman was found dying.

The police believe she intended first to take the life of the man she sought.



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FLEET TO RETURN HOME VIA SUEZ

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turned would traverse the same route

coming as going. It has been knought by many that the fleet would not return as a whole; that half the ships would be left in the Pacific, supposedly at the Philippines. This, the amount of heat given off by the sun. of course, may be so. But the information contained in the above wireless message does not afford any evidence to support a theory of a division of the fleet. It is not "part of the fleet," but "the fleet."

Evans Foresaw Order.

In the signed statement given to the public last Saturday by Admiral Evans he spoke of "this great practice cruise to visit our friends and supporters on the done in various branches of this large Pacific coast of the country." He also "I hope that when we arrive home at

> our destination the people will have for us upon our arrival a welcome as warm as is the godspeed which they give us on our departure, and that should our Commander-in-chief then decide to send us on a mission of peace and good-will to the nations of the other hemisphere, the same warm interest will follow there in the future as it always has in the This was taken as indicating that the

> real destination of the fleet was the Philippines. It was taken for granted that some of the ships, probably half of them, would be left there, and the others would continue home by way of the Suez Canal on the "mission of peace and good-will to the nations of the other hemisphere.' Greatest Vaval Cruise.

An around-the-world voyage by the entire battle-ship fleet, or even by half of it, for that matter, would be an event of naval importance unsurpassed in the history of the world. It would mean a voyage of something over 30,000 miles.

If the ships are taken, after reaching Gibraltar, to various ports of the great tions with the President, Secretary of European nations, as seems likely, Uncle Sam's flag would be pretty well known The two most important questions Col. by the time the coast of the United

If the fleet reaches the Anegada Pasa sufficient additional appropriation to sage by next Saturday noon the ships they got well off the American coast. In speaking of the Canal Zone yester- The Anegada Passage lies between Anegada Island and Perra, or Dog Island, and is usually negotiated by the war ves course, I will admit, it is a bad place for men passing inside usually take the Rico.

Anegada Island is a little rock in the I can stay there all the year round. It's sea, at the extreme northeast of the a fine place." Great Britain, by the way, and so does Dog Island. After going through the passage the fleet will have a straight course, a little to the east of south to

It will pass, on the port side, the ring appropriations were larger."

Col. Goethals is in Washington on leave of absence. It will be necessary for him St. Croix to the starboard, until it raises

Detail of Itinerary.

When the fleet gets abeam of the Port of Spain headlands it will have covered 1,780 miles of its 14,060-mile journey to 8 If the Suez return route is taken, the

San Francisco to Hongkon;

The trip will make the grand total 31,953

JAPAN DOES NOT DOUBT US. Sailing of Battle Fleet Not Regarded as a Threat.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.-That the transer of sixteen American battle ships from the Helena, Mont Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean is intended as a threat to Japan is treated as ridicudated Charities' trained agents in dealing lous in an editorial to appear to-morrow Little Rock, Ark. with needy families, is the purpose of the in the Jiji Shimpo, one of the most influential newspapers in Tokyo, but that the Non naneuver may encourage anti-Japanese New York, N. Y. demonstrations on the Pacific coast is Omaha, Nebr. gravely feared.

avely feared.
"This might bring about a repetition of a regrettable incident at San Francisco."
Salt Lake City, Utah. St. Louis, Mo. the regrettable incident at San Francisco," comments the editorial. "We trust Viesburg, Miss. Gary, Ind., Dec. 18 .- Mrs. C. Smith, of the United States will take the necessary

RESIGNATION OF MR. BIEBER. Abandons Committee Because Mem

bers Do Not Attend. Robert N. Harper, president of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday received from Sidney Bieber a letter resigning his position as chairman of the special committee to investigate and report on the improvement of the Anacostia flats. It appears from the letter that a meeting of the committee was called, at which

was present. Mr. Bieber stated it was apparent to him that the members of the ommittee did not take sufficient interest ***** in the project to work on the committee and he could not perform the work alone, and preferred to resign. President Harper said last night that the failure of the members to attend the meeting resulted from a misunderstanding as to time. One member was out of town, and one was unable to attend or account of pressing business duties, but the others had expected to be there, but

the day after that specified by Mr. Bieber in his letter of resignation. Mr. Harper said the letter left him no discretion in the matter except to accept the resignation, much as he regretted the action of the chairman of the committee.

supposed the meeting had been called for

ECONOMIC SOCIETY MEETS.

Representative E. J. Hill Speaks on Currency at Cosmos Club.

Representative E. J. Hill, of Connecticut, made the principal address last night at the regular meeting of the Washington Economic Society in the assembly hall of the Cosmos Club, Sixteenth and H streets northwest. He told of the currency situation both in this country and n Europe, and gave his views of the national bank proposition, which has been the subject of much discussion since he recent money flurry.

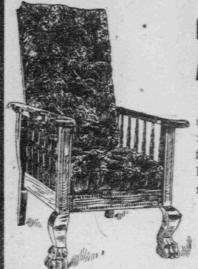
Hon. Charles H. Treat, Treasurer of the United States, opened the discussion of Mr. Hill's paper. Hon, Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Com-merce Commission, also made an address. The following officers were elected for the year of 1908: Hon. James A. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, president: Hon. Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, first vice president; Dr. E. Dana Durand, Deputy Commissioner of Corporations. second vice president: Dr. H. Parker Willis, third vice president, and Mr. J. H. Fishback, secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, secretary-treas-

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 190-8 p. m.
The southern disturbance has passed off to sen ever the Carolina coast without causing high winds a precipitation of consequence. A second depression is moving inland over Washington and Oregon, and wessure is high in the Recky Mountain region and be Middle Mississippi Valley. Light snow has fairn in the Lake region, the Ohio Valley, and the liddle Atlantic State, and liddle the Scatter and liddle and the Scatter. liddle Atlantic States, and light rain in the South

With the exception of light snow in the Lake re-tion, fair weather, with slight temperature changes, s indicated for all districts east of the Rocky Moun-ains Thursday and Priday. The winds along the New England and Middle tilantic coasts will be light to fresh westerly; on he South Atlantic coast fresh northwesterly, and on he Gulf coast fresh northerly.

Steamers departing Thursday for European ports will have light to fresh westerly winds and cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperature. n., 90. Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), trace. Hour of sunshine, 8.6. Per cent of possible sunshine, 92. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 36 ices the fleet will have covered from

> Temperatures in Other Cities. Temperatures in other cities, together with th amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended a

Chicago, Ill

Cincinnati, Ohio

Des. Moines, Iowa.

Tide Table. To-day—High tide, 7:56 a. m. and 8 p. m.; low ide, 2:10 a. m. and 2:20 p. m. To-morrow—High tide, 8:38 a. m. and 8:45 p. m. ow tide, 2:52 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Gen. Bell Has Relapse. Gen. J. Franklin Bell has been ill with the grip at his residence in this city for several days, and may have to abandon his plan to go to New York to receiv day from his tour around the world Gen. Bell was better a few days ago, and spent the day at the War Department in an effort to dispose of a yast accumua only one member beside the chairman tio on of business, with the result that I

suffered a relapse.

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Geneva, Dec. 18 .- A man of eighty years and a woman of seventy-two, inmates of the Home for the Aged at Dornbirn, who were refused permission to marry, eloped and were married.

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